

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/718,583

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael Y. Won

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination filed February 9, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


SALEH NAJJAR
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edmond A. DeFrank (Reg. No. 37,814) on March 29, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an automated login for a user connecting to a server, wherein the server comprises a first server of a plurality of servers that are connected via a computer network, the method comprising steps of:

- receiving a connection to the user via a client data terminal;
- accessing the first server by the user after being authenticated;
- selecting from the first server a computer input mark to a second server and assigning a first identifier and underlying second identifier associated with the first server of the computer input mark;

accessing the services of the second server from the user and based on the received [identifier] identifiers if both identifiers are authenticated; and

authenticating, without the use of cookie, the user and the first server based on the first and second identifiers and allowing access to the second server by linking the user to the second server through the first server and without requesting a cookie from the client if both identifiers are authenticated to eliminate the need for the user to provide separate login information and to eliminate the use of cookies when connecting to the second server via the input mark.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an automated login for a user logging onto a host web site, the method comprising steps of:

receiving a connection to a user via an affiliated web site;

accessing [the] a first server by the user after being authenticated;

selecting from [the] a host web site a computer input mark having a hyperlink to a second web site and assigning a personal identifier and an underlying provider identifier associated with the host web site of the computer input mark;

allowing the user access to the host web site; and

accessing the services of [the] a second server by linking [a] the user to [a] the second server through the first server and based on the received [identifier] identifiers if both identifiers are authenticated wherein the need for the user to provide separate login information and the use of a cookie between the first server and second server is

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eliminated when connecting to the second web site via the hyperlink of the input mark [and without the use of a cookie].

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record *Sampson et al.* (US 6,339,423 B1), *Goldberg et al.* (US 5,823,879 A), or any combination thereof, does not disclose, teach, or suggest "authenticating, without the use of a cookie, the user and the first server based on the first and second identifiers and allowing access to the second server by linking the user to the second server through the first server", "wherein the need for the user to provide separate login information and the use of a cookie between the first server and second server is eliminated when connecting to the second web site via the hyperlink of the input mark", and "both identifiers are authenticated to eliminate the need for the user to provide separate login information when connecting to the second connection via the hyperlink of the input mark and to eliminate the use of cookies during authentication and connection" as recited in independent claims 1, 10, and 15, respectively.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

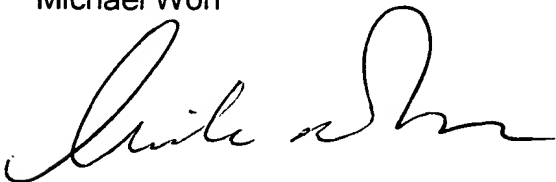
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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